

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2162 - SB 2221

March 26, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes an appellate division with the District Public Defenders Conference (DPDC) to represent indigent defendants in appellate level cases.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures – \$57,900/One-Time
\$893,000/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 8-14-113 establishes the duties and responsibilities of the DPDC.
- The proposed legislation would create an appellate division within the DPDC for the purpose of representing indigent defendants in the Court of Criminal Appeals and the Supreme Court.
- The proposed legislation would require the DPDC to hire an additional six assistant public defenders (APD) at a salary of \$79,968 per year.
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures for the six new APD positions is estimated to be \$42,000 [(\$4,000 for computer/phone/system setup for new positions + \$3,000 for furniture and office supplies) x 6 new positions].
- The recurring increase in state expenditures for the six new APD positions is estimated to be \$712,277 [(\$79,968 salary + \$9,012.39 benefits + \$6,177.55 FICA + \$7,254.96 insurance + \$16,300 miscellaneous) x 6].
- The proposed legislation would require the DPDC to hire an additional three legal secretaries with a salary of \$34,632 per year.
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures for three new legal secretaries is estimated to be \$15,900 [(\$2,500 for computer/phone/system setup for new positions + \$2,800 for furniture and office supplies) x 3].
- The recurring increase in state expenditures for the three new legal secretaries is estimated to be \$180,718 [(\$34,632 salary + \$3,903.03 benefits + \$2,649.35 FICA + \$7,254.96 insurance + \$11,800 miscellaneous) x 3].
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$57,900 (\$42,000 + \$15,900)
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$892,995 (\$712,277 + \$180,718).

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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